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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ENGLAND ET AL.

Examiner

Adnan M Mirza

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06/09/00.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 June 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Helgeson et al (U.S. 2002/0073236) and in view of O'Brien et al (U.S. 6,351,776).

As per claims 1,9,17 Helgeson disclosed a method of adapting a transaction-based application to process transactions over a network, said transaction-based application comprising source code describing a transaction and information related to the transaction, hereinafter related information, said method comprising the steps of scanning the source code of the transaction-based application to identify the transaction and the related information (Page 2, col. 0016); storing the related information in a database; extracting from the database parameter definitions describing communication of information by the transaction; identifying a parameter usage type for each parameter (Page. 12, col. 0277-0278), said parameter usage type selectable from the parameter usage type set comprising input, output, input/output, and unreferenced; displaying the transaction and a subset of the related and extracted information (Page. 19, col. 0387);

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However Helgeson did disclose in details allowing a user to select the transaction; and using the identified and extracted information to package the user-selected transaction in a form compatible with a connector building tool.

In the same field of endeavor O'Brien disclosed the user must be sent back to the same database query is made at step 740 to determine if that database is still up. If it is, the request is passed to the pool specification where it is subsequently passed to the database object, on to the connection pool and the appropriate database, either the transactional database or the query database (col. 15, lines 21-27).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated the user must be sent back to the same database query is made at step 740 to determine if that database is still up. If it is, the request is passed to the pool specification where it is subsequently passed to the database object, on to the connection pool and the appropriate database, either the transactional database or the query database as taught by O'Brien in the method of Helgeson to make it efficient for the files to be available worldwide through the Internet and providing means by which files and other data may be stored on the Internet and made available worldwide through the Internet.

3. As per claims 2,18 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the compatible form comprises a parsable file containing information which can be parsed by a connector building tool (O'Brien, col. 15, lines 11-19).

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4. As per claims 3,11,19 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed further comprising the step of generating a documentation file describing the par sable file (O'Brien, col. 13, lines 39-49).
5. As per claims 4,12,20 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the documentation file comprises field description information and connection information (O'Brien, col. 13, lines 39-49).
6. As per claims 5,13,21 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed the step of using the identified and extracted information to build a connector (O'Brien, col. 15, lines 21-41).
7. As per claims 6,14,22 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed comprising the step of using the identified and extracted information to build an enterprise Java bean connector (O'Brien, col. 15, lines 21-41).
8. As per claims 7,15,23 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the database can be queried to find program parts comprising the transaction-based application and identify relationships between the program parts (Helgeson, Page. 12, col. 0277-0278)
9. As per claims 8,16,24 Helgeson-O'Brien disclosed wherein the related information is a member of the set comprising relationships, call hierarchies, transactions, communication areas, parameters, the flow of data elements, and resources employed (Helgeson, Page. 21, col.0420).

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (703)-305-4633.

11. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dharia Rupal can be reached on (703)-305-4003. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

12. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(703)-746-7239 (For Status Inquiries, Informal or Draft Communications, please label "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT");

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(703)-746-7238 (For After Final Communications).*

13. Any Inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)-305-3900.

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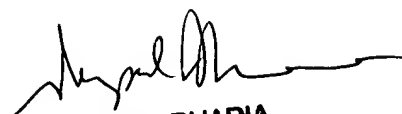
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